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Mr. Lowell P. Braxton
State of Utah
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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DIVISION OF
OIL GAS & MINING

Re: Expedited Review and
Approval of Amendment to
NOI-Goldstrike Mine

Dear Mr. Braxton:

On January 23, 1992, Tenneco Minerals Company submitted a Revised Notice of Intent for the Goldstrike Mine to cover the following expansion activities:

- New Haul Roads
- Arsenic Pit
- Covington Pit
- Moosehead Pit
- Picaroon Pit
- Caribou Pit
- Third Leach Pad

This proposal adds 158 acres to the existing planned disturbance of 225 acres.

At the present time, Tenneco Minerals is requesting the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for approval to amend the existing Notice of Intent to construct the haul road to Covington and conduct prestripping and mining activities in Covington Pit. These activities are strictly located on patented land and only involve 45.3 acres of the above proposed disturbance. We would appreciate the Division's expedited review and approval of this amendment before April 1, 1992 to avoid a decrease in the mining rate.

Tenneco Minerals is currently completing the necessary forms to increase its surety bond from \$1.2 million to \$2 million. This increase covers the reclamation estimate for the total proposed acreage disturbance, not just Covington Pit and the haul road. In addition, there is approximately a \$200,000 contingency built into this \$2 million estimate which would cover the costs to reclaim drainage culverts in the haul road if that becomes necessary.

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If you have any questions on the above, please call me
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Sincerely,

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